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Majority prices were generally unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand covered the full range, best for food service, and expected to improve where first of the month business was active. Supplies were at least adequate for trade needs with lighter weights more available in parts of the East. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to ample and continued to be discounted. All other items were more than sufficient to satisfy the light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 5/01-05/06/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	55.00-56.00	55.32	17	61.64	37
Chicago	42.00-46.00	46.06	48	48.56	84
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	54.91	32
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	52.89	9
Denver	61.50	61.43	17	60.72	38
Detroit	43.00	45.19	21	51.39	50
Los Angeles	62.00	61.17	63	59.62	219
New York	53.00-56.00	53.65	37	56.04	87
Philadelphia	45.00-53.00	49.43	7	51.98	26
Pittsburgh	44.50-55.00	50.38	13	52.79	75
St. Louis	45.75-46.00	44.91	22	48.88	45
San Francisco	62.50	62.19	29	64.53	66

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/01/00	Change/Last Wk	04/24/00	05/03/99
768	55.19	-0.70	55.89	58.43

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
East	49.00-60.00	53.31	41
Central	48.00-53.00	51.50	61
West	47.00-66.75	57.20	45

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.00-59.00	56.85	84
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 57.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,162	42.00-59.25	56.30

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG CENTS PER POUND	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	136.00	4,119
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.50	2,095
THIGH MEAT - B/S	99.50	621
LEG QUARTERS	18.50	8,835
WINGS	51.00	3,007

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally noted as fair to moderate throughout the area. Seller offerings varied by both volume and size and were fully sufficient for current needs. Movement within retail and distributive channels was just fair at most points but was expected to increase as consumer first-of-month spending developed. Floor stocks were adequate and were often held in close balance with projected needs. The market tone was about steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was light and unaggressive with limited trading, but anticipating improvement due to first of the month and upcoming Mother's Day activities. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate and at times discounted to increase movement. Demand was slow to fair. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady on whole body with giblets, barely steady to weak on whole body with out giblets. Offerings fully adequate overall. Retail demand was moderate to very good, best where store features planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment barely steady on parts with white meat items in the weakest position. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 3.38 to 47.70 with the reported volume down 37 percent. Reported trading on parts for delivery into the California area: leg quarters bulk 19-20 and 4/10s 22.25-23, bone in breasts 63-71 and boneless breasts 130-137.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged into Chicago, TFEWR in Ohio and unchanged to slightly lower elsewhere from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Offerings adequate or available for the very limited trade needs. Retail demand was slow to fair. Food service demand was in a full range, mostly fair to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to ample, sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was limited overall for the fully adequate supplies. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak on all items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained light and unaggressive as the week began. Offerings ranged adequate to ample. Sizes 3 pounds and under were readily available and competitively priced. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were generally desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady with hopes and expectations for improvement as the week progresses. In the parts complex, supplies were more than adequate. Bone-in breasts were ample and continued to be discounted.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	55-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.83
NO. OF BOXES	7,887

*6 of 8 plants reporting

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to fair and generally cautious. Breast items, particularly supplies of bone-in were readily available and competitively priced in an effort to stimulate buyers interest. Other items were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly fair with light and spotty indications of increased inquiry developing for late week. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast cuts, mostly steady on the balance. PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	133.61	346,760
TENDERLOINS	135	150.09	64,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	62.77	208,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	53	53.89	120,200
LEGS	29-30	32.98	144,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	21.26	295,169
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	34.44	112,070
THIGHS	28-29	33.19	73,600
B/S THIGHS	86-87	94.37	41,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49	58.58	193,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.92	57,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.46	52,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.83	73,470

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,246	110.00-141.00	120-130	124.47
TENDERLOINS	90	140.00-203.00	-	152.82
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES	520	44.00-64.00	46-49	47.01

LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	205	16.00-18.00	16	16.03
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,013	18.50-19.00	18.5	18.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	200	37.00-42.00	37	38.00
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	934	20.00-39.00	30-31	30.31

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/01	04/27	04/27	04/24	04/20
ALA	3,996	3,824	5.00	3,688	5.04
ARK	5,188	5,228	4.79	5,061	4.79
DELMARVA	2,436	2,417	5.12	1,518	5.12
KY-LA-TN	2,091	2,080	4.41	1,767	4.37
MISS	2,786	2,769	5.03	2,511	4.97
NC	2,518	2,586	5.84	1,922	5.75
TEXAS	2,303	2,313	4.84	2,262	4.78
TOTAL	21,318	21,217	4.99	18,729	4.97
MON	21,318(A)			18,729(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-May 2000 is estimated to be 31,894,000 up 13.48 percent from a week ago and up 5.99 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 28,105,000, last year 30,091,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	587	125.00-169.00	125-130	130.60
TENDERLOINS	146	140.00-205.00	-	184.04
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	66.00-74.00	67-69	66.53
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	46	27.00-34.00	27-28	27.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	779	15.00-18.00	15-17	15.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,164	17.00-20.00	19-20	19.63
WINGS (WHOLE)	555	40.00-53.00	42-45	43.09
WINGS (CUT)	352	55.00-72.00	55-56	55.86
DRUMSTICKS	46	24.00-34.00	-	25.30
THIGHS	41	20.00-34.00	-	20.34
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 01, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
33.00 - 34.50	33.45	34.90

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 05/01-05/05/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 160.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	55.00 - 70.00	55.00 - 63.00
LEGS	29.00 - 40.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 21.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	22.00 - 38.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	35.00 - 53.00	41.00 - 43.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	75-89
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	78-95
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	84-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	76-80
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	92-96
ICE PACK	107-111
DRY PACK	119
HENS OVER 5#	98
ICE PACK	95
DUCKS	152-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 28-APR-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50	-	16.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50		16.00	

520,000 pounds, this includes 80,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-15.00	-	-	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.71			15.00

640,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-13.25	13.50-14.00	11.25-14.00	12.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.11	13.90	11.76	12.00

1,636,000 pounds, this includes 376,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.50
WTD AVERAGE				12.50

280,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were generally unchanged. Demand was light to no better than moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 01-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-18 CENTS/LB	10-13	12.63

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 28-APR-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-16.00	16.00-20.00	12.00-13.00	14.00-16.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.50	17.33	12.51	14.50

411,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	-	12.00	10.00-12.50	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE		12.00	10.95	13.21

1,929,600 pounds, this includes 42,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Buyers were somewhat cautious as offerings remain fully adequate to ample for processors needs. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Finished product was adequate to available. Market conditions were no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 01-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8.25-10	10.18
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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